GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF TIGERS
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two white tigers cubs died in Delhi Zoo recently;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings of the inquiry; and

(d) the action taken against those found responsible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b),(c) & (d) Rejection of tiger cubs by the mother tigress is quite common in the wild. In the instant case the tigress rejected three new born cubs. The cubs died subsequently. Efforts to save one cub through hand rearing did not succeed. Since, every effort was made by the zoo staff to save the cubs, the question of any inquiry for fixing of the responsibility for the death of cubs does not arise.